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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FRANK WEIL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: TRANSMITTAL OF MESSAGE

1. FRANK: PLEASE HELP ME ESTABLISH A MEASURE OF CREDIBILITY WITH
DR. JORDAN J. BARUCH, ASSISTANCE SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY.
2. HE WILL HAVE BEFORE HIM AN APPLICATION FROM RICHARD C.
HICKS WHO WANTS THE JOB OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL
INFORMATION SERVICE.
3. I KNOW DICK HICKS WELL FROM AN ASSOCIATION OVER 10 YEARS
WHEN I SERVED AS A DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DATA CORPORATION AND
HE WAS ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM THERE.
4. HE IS A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE SKILL WITH AND KNOWLEDGE
OF COMPUTERS. IN ADDITION HE HAS THE KNACK FOR GETTING
"THE JOB" DONE, AND FOR EXTRACTING THE BEST EFFORT FROM THOSE
WORKING WITH HIM, ALL WITHOUT CREATING UNDUE FRICTION. LONG
HOURS WERE HIS RULE. MANY THE TIME I'VE SEEN HIM AT IT
NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

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5. NDC OWES MUCH OF ITS SUCCESS TO HIS COMMITMENT TO "DOING
IT RIGHT".
6. I COMMEND HIM TO OUR GOVERNMENT AND AM WRITING DR. BARUCH
TO THAT EFFECT.
7. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SAYING A WORD TO THE DOCTOR ABOUT ME.

SIGNED: PHILIP ALSTON.
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